



What's on

Your guide to activities, clubs and events in the borough

See centre pages



Waltham Forest NEWS

Get your free copy

Your Council keeping residents informed
www.walthamforest.gov.uk

Issue 106 16 December 2013

Creating a better place

You told us that regeneration in the borough was your top priority; you wanted better shopping, streets and leisure.

At the beginning of 2013 we promised we would deliver on our regeneration commitments. You will have seen over the last year we really are delivering your ambition of creating a better place by:

- Enhancing nine high street areas
- Refurbishing 28 play areas
- Improving leisure centres
- Bringing a cinema to the borough

As well as this, work has started on our schools improvement programme to give our children the best chance of a bright future. To accommodate an increase in demand for primary school places and provide decent school buildings we have been carrying out work to primary and secondary schools across the borough. This is part of a multi-million pound investment programme that will continue over the next few years.

We also have a role to play in attracting investment and developers to the borough, who bring in the amenities you need. We do this by setting out clear policies and a strategy for how the borough should develop, ensuring that development fits with the borough's planning policies.

We secured over £160million of investment in 2013 and expect that to rise to over £700million as we move towards 2018. Continuing to deliver growth will be a challenge given the current economic climate, however we know that by forging strong

partnerships we can create a borough where people want to live, work, play and invest.

The next four years will see dramatic changes in the shape of Waltham Forest with large regeneration projects providing a catalyst for growth and bringing opportunities for both business and employment in the borough. Please bear with us during this time, some disruption will be unavoidable but we promise you it will be well worth it.

This work is all part of our plans to make Waltham Forest an even better place to live.



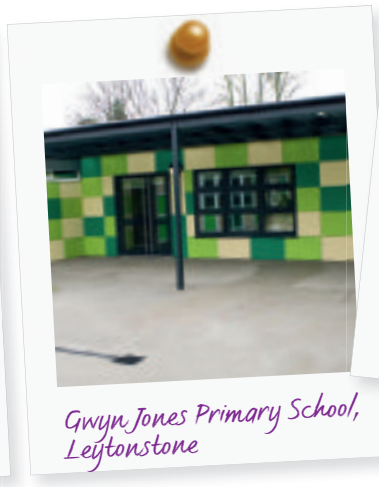
High Road Leytonstone



Chingford Mount



Stoneydown Park, Walthamstow



Gwyn Jones Primary School, Leytonstone



Leyton Leisure Centre



www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace



Better high streets 2013

You told us that improving the borough's streets and shopping facilities was your top priority and at the end of 2012 the Council committed to spending £9million on improving nine of the borough's high street areas.

Work in Chingford Mount is expected to complete later this month following a series of shop front and street improvement works that are enhancing the area. Work includes:

- Improving eight shop fronts
- New granite paving
- Widening pavements
- Improving road safety measures
- Repairing the clock and barometer
- Cleaning stone work
- New planting including trees
- Feature lighting
- New hanging baskets
- Replacing the seating with modern furniture

Work has also started across the other eight areas and is expected to be complete by April 2014:

- Blackhorse Lane – complete February
- Francis Road – complete January
- Higham Hill – complete January
- Lea Bridge Road and Bakers Arms junction – complete March
- South Leyton – complete January
- South Leytonstone – complete March

- Walthamstow – shop front works will be complete in March, street works will be ongoing to complement The Scene at Cleveland Place; the cinema, retail and housing development currently being built.

- Wood Street – complete March

As part of our work to improve the borough's high streets we are committed to helping small businesses thrive. Funded by the Mayor's Outer London Fund, we have provided training for 60 independent retailers from Wood Street to help them increase their income by improving the appearance of the business and the service it provides.

Nearly 60% of participating businesses have seen an increase in sales after they took part in training that ranged from stock management to social media and shop layout to window dressing.

Angela Hicks, from Mothers Hub, said: "This couldn't have come at a better time for me. I have understood new elements of my business that I should approach and avenues to try out."

Andres Lopez, from Café Bonito, said: "In the beginning I really thought this would be a waste of time, but actually it gave me good ideas and helped me with my marketing."



- Chingford Mount high street area nearly complete
- 58% of businesses see an increase in sales thanks to training



Lea Bridge Road



South Leytonstone



Chingford Mount



Wood Street

Better leisure 2013

Waltham Forest has an amazing leisure offer which we want you to make the most of. We are improving leisure facilities in the borough so there is something fun for everyone to enjoy.



- Leyton Gym, Walthamstow Leisure Centre and Leyton Leisure Centre refurbished
- 19 play areas improved with new play equipment and surfacing



Leyton Jubilee Park



Stoneydown Park, Walthamstow



St James Park, Walthamstow



Chase Lane Park, Chingford



What's on

Your guide to activities, clubs and events in the borough

See centre pages



Waltham Forest NEWS

Get your free copy

Your Council keeping residents informed
www.walthamforest.gov.uk

Issue 106 16 December 2013

Seventh heaven on shopping Saturday



Small Business Saturday proved a great success on 7 December, with high streets across Waltham Forest benefiting from the initiative

Small Business Saturday came to the borough for the first time on Saturday 7 December and saw shoppers out in droves on the high streets of Waltham Forest.

Cllr Mark Rusling, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Corporate Resources, told Waltham Forest News: "It was wonderful to see so many local people using the shops on their high streets in the run up to Christmas.

"As a Council we got right behind Small Business Saturday as it was a perfect fit with the Love Your High Street campaign that we kicked off in the summer."

Cllr Marie Pye, Cabinet Member for Town Centres, added: "It's really important we do our bit, but of course the main thing that can keep our town centres vital and

viable is the support of local people. Only local residents can keep their high streets alive by using them regularly."

Small Business Saturday was an opportunity to highlight the array of hidden gems in the borough by putting together a list and map of great outlets.

In addition, the Council laid on a host of activities in all the borough's town centres – from a pop-up cinema and Santa's Grotto, to an arts and crafts pop-up shop, a Reindeer Trail and Christmas Market.

Residents are reminded that there are two hours free parking in all of the Council's car parks during every weekend of December. Monday to Friday there will also be free parking in Council car parks from 4pm in the evenings, rather than from 5pm.

A very Merry Christmas

Full story
Page 3



Hundreds of older residents got together at venues across the borough and enjoyed a free Christmas celebration thanks to the Council's annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinners

The sale of parking vouchers has also been extended until mid-2014 to allow people more time to get used to the transition to the PayByPhone system.

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/loveyourhighstreet or phone **020 8496 3000**. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

Courses starting in January. For more information, visit www.waltham.ac.uk



info@waltham.ac.uk | 020 8501 8501 | Forest Road, E17 4JB

WALTHAM FOREST COLLEGE



450 jobs coming soon



A computer generated image shows what the development will look like when complete

A new development in Walthamstow will include a Morrisons supermarket, new flats and the creation of around 450 jobs in the borough,

after plans were approved by Waltham Forest Council's Planning Committee.

Chris Robbins, Leader of Waltham Forest Council, told Waltham

Forest News: "This £90 million investment is a really significant step forward for the regeneration of the borough, bringing a brand new Morrisons food store to the heart of

- **Supermarket, shops and 245 new homes to be built in Walthamstow**
- **Council working to ensure that the majority of jobs go to local people**

Walthamstow along with a number of other shops and 245 new homes.

"Most significantly of all, this will create around 450 new jobs that we will do our best to make sure go to local people. It's this impact, and the significant contribution that the developers will be making towards environmental improvements, schools and health facilities that will make a really positive contribution to local people and the borough as a whole."

The money from the developer is likely to run into millions of pounds. Around 300 of the new jobs will be within the supermarket and it is anticipated that up to three quarters of the roles will go to local people.

The development will be built on the site of the 1.5 hectare car park in

South Grove. Because of the scale of the scheme it also needs to be approved by the Mayor of London.

"We understand that these sorts of large developments can cause some concern," said Cllr Robbins. "But I believe this will have a really positive impact on the local economy, with Morrisons complementing what is already on offer to shoppers in the centre of Walthamstow."

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

In my opinion



Jenni Hall

Deputy Women's Captain, Eton Manor Athletics Club

Eton Manor AC has had a long association with Leyton Jubilee Park, and our club headquarters are at the Cottage, Marsh Lane. I've been a regular user of the park since I joined the club in 2010 and have witnessed first-hand the recent re-vamp and the positive effect it has had.

It's fantastic to see new faces using the outdoor gym equipment and other facilities, and we've gained a few new recruits through passers-by tempted in by the new look. I'm especially excited, however, by the benefits

for runners. The new bridge on Marsh Lane is an inviting and eye-catching gateway to the park and our clubhouse – and it's great to see runners represented in its decoration!

On a more practical point, the improved lighting throughout the park means runners feel more secure coming to our evening sessions, and has increased footfall through the park. The resurfaced paths through the park are also getting good use in our training sessions. If you see a group of runners sprinting up and down, that's probably us!

The park also provides a safe environment for our popular Love2Run courses, a 10-week programme taking beginners through to their first 5km race. Why not come along to the first session on Thursday 16 January and find out for yourself? We pride ourselves on being a friendly group and runners of all standards are always welcome to come and run with us.

The wider landscaping and improvements have also opened up new areas for us to use. There are now opportunities for interesting courses for our races, using the different levels and areas

of the park. The new bridge over Dagenham Brook at the far end of the park allows for longer loops and served us well during our centenary 5km and relay races this summer, which attracted over 200 runners. It's also given us a new link to routes into the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, site of the original 'Eton Manor' and our club's heartland.

We're very proud to have our running club's centenary commemorated with a plaque on the outside of our redecorated clubhouse, and look forward to a continuing long and happy association between Eton Manor AC and Leyton Jubilee Park.

Check out our website at www.eton-manor.com or search Eton Manor AC on www.facebook.com.

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.

GOOD VALUE, LOCAL SERVICES

*** COUNT ON US ***

Contact Waltham Forest Council:

Visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk
E-mail Wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk
Call 020 8496 3000



Waltham Forest News

Editor: Jenny England

Waltham Forest News wants to hear from people in the local community. If you have a story that you'd like us to cover, email walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk or phone 020 8496 3000.

Advertising and promotional enquiries:

Luke Chetwynd, 020 8496 3000 (press 6) advertisingwfn@walthamforest.gov.uk

Waltham Forest Council does not accept responsibility for the content of any non-council advertisements in Waltham Forest News.

Their inclusion does not mean that the council endorses the company or product being advertised.

Waltham Forest News is produced using trees from sustainable managed forests where more trees are planted than felled. Please recycle Waltham Forest News when you have finished with it.



Waltham Forest News is published fortnightly by London Borough of Waltham Forest with a print run of 110,000 copies delivered to homes, organisations, businesses and bulk drops in the borough.

The official independently audited free letterbox delivery of Waltham Forest News is 97,759, ABC Regional July 2012-Dec 2012

Christmas dinner goes down a treat



Older residents enjoying their Christmas meal at Chingford Assembly Hall

Waltham Forest wished its older residents a very merry Christmas with the Council inviting hundreds of local people to special Christmas meals over the course of three days.

Organised to help those aged 60 and over celebrate the festive season and meet friends old and new, the events gave senior citizens a tasty traditional Christmas meal along with entertainment and the obligatory mince pie or two.

Four meals were laid on by Waltham Forest Council which took place at venues in Chingford, Leyton and Walthamstow from Monday 9 to Wednesday 11 December. The events were sponsored by JB Riney – Waltham Forest Council's highways contractor.

"As usual the Christmas dinners

were a fitting way for us to wish our older residents a Merry Christmas," Council Leader, Chris Robbins, told Waltham Forest News.

"I had a wonderful time meeting many of the borough's senior residents. As well as wishing them a very happy Christmas I was also able to talk to people about their hopes and aspirations for the New Year."

And everyone who attended gave the event the thumbs up. Patricia Branagan from Chingford told Waltham Forest News: "It's the first time I've attended, and I thought the whole event was excellent. When we walked in the hall the decorations looked wonderful. Having the quiz was a lovely way to make friends with everyone at the table. The entertainment and food were good and I thoroughly enjoyed myself."

Council's Christmas opening hours

During the holiday period the majority of Waltham Forest Council's services will be operating, but there will be some changes to opening hours and alterations to refuse and recycling collections.

The best way to find out when Council buildings are open is to visit the Council website, which gives full details of all Christmas opening hours.

Refuse and recycling collections will take place either one or two days later than usual from Friday 27 December until Monday 6 January. Crews will not be working on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day. Turn to the advert on p8 for full information and Christmas recycling tips.

All parks and playgrounds in the borough will be open during the festive period, so you can work off that extra helping of Christmas pudding with a brisk walk in your local park on Christmas Day. However, Council-run bookable sports facilities such as tennis courts

and football pitches will not be available on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day.

All leisure centres in the borough will be closed on Monday 20 December, as Waltham Forest's leisure services provider, Better, will be hosting a London-wide staff

All parks and playgrounds in the borough will be open during the festive period

communications day. Walthamstow Leisure Centre (243 Markhouse Road, E17 8RN) will be closed from Monday 23 December to Thursday 2 January 2014. Other centres will operate reduced hours between Tuesday 24 December and Thursday 2 January and all will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Contact your local leisure centre for more information.

Most of the borough's Children's Centres will be closed over the holidays, so call your local centre to check if they are open before you leave home.

All libraries in the borough will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Hale End, Higham Hill, Lea Bridge and Wood Street libraries will open from 10am to 5pm on Tuesday 24, Friday 27, Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December and will operate usual

hours on Saturday 28 December.

Leyton, Leytonstone, North Chingford and Walthamstow libraries will open from 9am to 5pm on Tuesday 24, Friday 27, Saturday 28, Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 December. They will be open between their usual times on Sunday 29 December.

The Waltham Forest Direct Call Centre and Walthamstow Customer Service Centre (137 Hoe Street, E17 4RT) will open from 9am to 5pm every day apart from Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

The William Morris Gallery (Lloyd Park, Forest Road, E17 4PP) is

closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day but otherwise will open to the public as normal from 10am to 5pm, Wednesday to Sunday.

Vestry House Museum (Vestry Road, Walthamstow, E17 9NH) will close at 5pm on Sunday 22 December and reopen at 10am on Thursday 2 January 2014. The Waltham Forest Archive and Local Studies Library, which is also based at the museum, will close at 5pm on Saturday 21 December and reopen at 10am on Thursday 2 January 2014.

In the event of an emergency you can phone the Council's out of hours service, on 020 8496 3000, throughout the Christmas period.

More info

For more information on opening hours visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/christmas-opening or www.better.org.uk/walthamforest. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

In brief

Olympic Park consultation

The London Legacy Development Corporation is asking residents to have their say on the future of the area in and around the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. The Local Plan Consultation Document sets out what development could happen in the area and when and where this could take place. You can make your views known on topics such as employment, housing, transport, schools, health centres and community facilities. The consultation ends on Friday 7 February 2014.

• **For more information visit www.londonlegacy.co.uk/the-local-plan. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.**

Walthamstow Christmas Market

There's good news for those of us who always leave our Christmas shopping until the last minute, as Walthamstow Christmas Market will open on Monday 23 December. The market will run from 8am to 5.30pm and shoppers can pick up everything from fresh veg for their Christmas tables to last minute stocking fillers for the kids or a handmade gift for an unexpected guest. Traders and their stalls will be festively dressed for the occasion and there will also be live entertainment along the market and fun children's rides by the Town Square Christmas tree.

• **For more information visit www.walthamstowmarket.com. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.**

Champions!

Young swimmers from Waltham Forest did the borough proud for the second year in a row by winning the annual Six Host Borough Swimming Championship, held at Becontree Leisure Centre, Dagenham on Saturday 30 November. Around 300 young people aged nine to 18 years old took part in the event. Team Waltham Forest retained the championship, beating nearest rivals Barking and Dagenham by 212 points to 193. Waltham Forest also took the Best Spectators Cup on the night, thanks to some very vocal support from friends and family members who attended to cheer on the swimmers.

• **For more information on leisure services in Waltham Forest, including free swimming for under 18s, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk and search 'sport and leisure' or phone 020 8496 3000.**

4 Priorities

No place like home

Waltham Forest has four key priorities to help improve the lives of residents. In this edition we look at what the Council is doing to provide good quality, affordable housing for you and your family



Cllr Marie Pye, Cabinet Member for Housing, is encouraging landlords, residents and businesses to give their views in the Council's Selective Licensing Consultation



Under-used garages have been re-developed to provide much needed new homes



Council Leader Chris Robbins officially opens new homes at Paper Mill Place in Walthamstow

Whether you rent a studio or own your own house, most of us will agree there's much more to a home than bricks and mortar. But as the population of London increases, it's a good place to start. As excellent transport links and improving schools make Waltham Forest a more attractive place to settle, the Council is improving housing and providing more homes for families wanting to lay down roots in the borough.

Increasing supply

Recognising that across London the shortage of affordable housing is making it more difficult for people to get a foot on the property ladder, the Council is keen to encourage new home building where it's appropriate. By the summer of 2013 nearly 3,000 new homes had been granted planning permission, with a further 1,200 in the pipeline. "We know that we need around 16,000 new homes by 2031 to cope with the projected demand in Waltham Forest," said Cllr Marie Pye, Cabinet Member for Housing. "To that end, we are encouraging development in the borough,

especially where we can secure other community benefits, and without it being to the detriment of local communities – it's a delicate balancing act," she added.

Maximising land

To protect the borough's valuable green spaces, the Council is pushing for new developments to be built primarily on land that has already seen development in

"We know that we need around 16,000 new homes by 2031 to cope with the projected demand in Waltham Forest"

the past. "Looking at current sites and those that wouldn't mean a loss of green space, there's potential space for at least 10,300 new homes over the next 15 years", said Cllr Pye. Transforming vandalised and under-used garages across the borough is one example of how the Council is putting this plan into action. So far 109 new homes have been created on run-down garage sites, housing more than 500 people and 23 more locations have been identified for development in the future. That said, the Council takes

the issue of people living illegally in garages and other outbuildings or sheds very seriously, and has recently taken enforcement action to close down a number of these dwellings. Often converted or built without planning permission these 'homes' are usually in a poor state not fit for human occupation, with serious fire, cold and damp hazards. More than 70 reported 'beds in sheds' have been looked

into by the Council with 28 of them resulting in further action including Prohibition Orders, Planning Notices and/or prosecutions. The remaining 42 are now complying with regulations.

Selective licensing

Proposals to license all private sector landlords are also in the pipeline. This is in a bid to tackle rogue landlords who don't manage their properties or tenants well, which can result in anti-social behaviour affecting other residents. Open until Friday 24 January

2014, the Council's Selective Licensing Consultation gives landlords, residents and businesses the chance to have their say on whether a new scheme requiring all private sector landlords to register should be brought in. Under the plans, private landlords – who oversee one third of all of the homes in Waltham Forest – would also need to obtain references for tenants who move into their properties and deal directly with any anti-social behaviour they cause.

Cllr Pye said: "We know that many landlords are responsible and care about who rents their properties but unfortunately some give no regard to their tenants, their tenants' behaviour or the people living near the homes they rent. We're hoping that this scheme will help weed out the irresponsible landlords, or at least make it easier for us to take action when we know there are problems."

Helping you own

While some people are happy to rent, the Council realises that for many people owning your own home is an important aspiration,

but one that can seem out of reach. With 46 per cent of homes in Waltham Forest owner-occupied, the Council will be working hard to ensure that everyone who is currently an owner occupier or who wants to own their own home is given good information about the steps they need to take. Over the next few years, the Council will set up a register of residents who want to access shared ownership, and will encourage its partners to offer new shared ownership homes to these people first. The Council will also develop its own 'Waltham Forest Shared Ownership' product and 'rent to save' scheme to help young working people in overcrowded homes get their foot on the property ladder.

More info

For more information on regeneration projects visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace. To take part in the selective licensing consultation visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/selectivelicensing before Friday 24 January and to report a 'bed in a shed' phone 020 8496 3000.

What you say

Residents tell Waltham Forest News what they think about the Council's plans to improve housing in the borough



Usman Akbar, Leyton



Jim Ablett, Leyton



Tahir Mehmood, Walthamstow



Blerina Sopi, Walthamstow



Liliith Marsh, Walthamstow

"I'm a student living in rented accommodation and the cost is a pretty significant part of my budget. I think it would be good for the Council to register landlords, but also to encourage more flats to be built in the borough."

"My daughter had to move out of the borough because it was just too expensive for her here. So I certainly think there is a need for more homes in the borough – both flats for single people and couples and family homes so people can stay here."

"The borough is growing isn't it, so of course we need to build more homes for those people who want to live here. I think the Council should also prevent landlords from wrong-doing as from my experience when living outside the borough I know what can happen."

"I'm living here in temporary accommodation. While I think it is good there are more properties being built, especially those connected with other developments, I do think it is really important that they are good quality and that standards are kept high."

"It will be very good for the borough when the new cinema is finished being built in Walthamstow, and I know there is housing being built there too. As long as it is not too dense and doesn't go on the green belt I think it is right to build more housing. We need it."

Priority: Helping you and your family

Commitment:

- Not raise council tax and will continue to fund the freedom pass
- Make sure you have access to training and education that helps you get a job whatever your age
- Support schools so that they can deliver a high quality education for our young people in decent buildings
- Work with the community to keep vulnerable adults and children safe

Priority: Making our community a safer place

Priority: Keeping our borough clean

Priority: Bringing you better shopping, streets and leisure

NAME
&
FAME

&

DON'T
MESS
WITH
WALTHAM
FOREST

Waltham Forest Council's campaign to combat enviro-crime is coming on leaps and bounds, with the message 'Don't mess with Waltham Forest' being heard loud and clear.

Local businesses have joined in the campaign, signing up to the Business Litter Pledge and agreeing to clear up outside their premises on a regular basis.

The following businesses are the latest to sign the Pledge:

The Red Lion	640 High Road, Leytonstone
Leyton Technical	265b High Road, Leyton
Orient Kebab House	288 High Road, Leyton
Tasty Chicken	38 Oliver Road, Leyton

James Chitty from the Red Lion told Waltham Forest News: "We're happy to sign the pledge and do our bit for Leytonstone. It's important that businesses do their bit to set an example and highlight to their customers that littering is simply unacceptable."

Sean Cook from Leyton Technical said: "Leyton High Road has come on leaps and bounds over the last few years and as a business we wouldn't be doing ourselves any favours if we were seen to be allowing our customers to detract from that. The litter pledge makes simple business sense and continues the positive progression of the area."

If you're a local business and want to sign up to the litter pledge email your details to highways.enforcement@walthamforest.gov.uk

More info

To find out more about the 'Don't mess with Waltham Forest' campaign visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/dontmess. Report an enviro-crime by visiting www.walthamforest.gov.uk/report-it or phone Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000.



Just one of the photos taken by Environmental Health Officers illustrating the levels of filth

Queasy Fried Chicken

- Wood Street fried chicken takeaway shut down by the Council
- Environmental Health officers uncovered an array of filth in the kitchen

A food premises at 36 Wood Street called QFC was shut down following an inspection by a Waltham Forest Council Environmental Health Officer who described the takeaway as 'the filthiest premises I have seen in a long time'.

A very poor standard of cleanliness, a poor standard of hygiene and a mouse infestation were all highlighted in a gruesome series of photographs taken in the kitchens of the fast food outlet.

"It begs the question, 'What does the Q in QFC stand for?'" said Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Clyde Loakes. "If we assume the F stands for Fried and the C stands for Chicken, one can only imagine what the Q could denote?"

"Queasy? Questionable? Certainly not quality, that's for sure! In all seriousness, the photos I have seen connected with this inspection tell a pretty disgusting tale.

"There has obviously been very little cleaning carried out and hygiene appears to have been

given no consideration whatsoever. The fact that mice were running around this kitchen – and from the amount of droppings found, for some time too – just makes you feel sick for anyone who has eaten there recently."

QFC was closed down on Monday 18 November in the immediate aftermath of the inspection. On Wednesday 20 November the case was put before Stratford Magistrates' Court to obtain a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Order and the premises remained closed until the Council was satisfied that there was no longer a risk to public health.

"It is truly shocking to find businesses like this that have an utter disregard for the health and wellbeing of their customers," said Cllr Loakes. "There really is no excuse for allowing your premises to become so filthy when you are serving food."

While the law means that QFC has been allowed to reopen after carrying out improvements requested by environmental health,

the Council will now pursue a prosecution through the courts. Prosecutions that have come to fruition over the last couple of months have seen businesses pay the price for their actions.

On Friday 25 October 2013 Thames Magistrates' Court ordered Costco Wholesale UK Ltd to pay a fine of £27,120, plus costs of £6,000 and a victim surcharge of £120.

The branch of the cash and carry chain in Shadbolt Avenue, Chingford was inspected by the Council on Thursday 15 November 2012 and dirty conditions in the bakery were revealed, including the discovery that mice had gnawed their way through several bags of flour and cake mix and left droppings throughout the bakery.

Another local business that flaunted their obligations found themselves not only out of pocket, but out of business. Aadam's Bagel Bakery at 346 Hoe Street, Walthamstow, was shut down both in October last year and July this year.

On both occasions evidence that rats and mice had infiltrated the premises were found, including a dead mouse in a food cupboard. In July it was also discovered that the bakery was operating without the aid of hot water because the gas supply had been cut off.

On Friday 13 September 2013 the owner was fined £13,500 and ordered to pay the Council's full costs of £4,957.50, plus a victim surcharge of £150. A Prohibition Order was also made against the owner – preventing him from owning any food business for at least six months.

"Any food outlet that thinks it can get away with acting so irresponsibly should reconsider," said Cllr Loakes. "We will find you, we will shut you down, and we will bring the full force of the law to bear."

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk and search 'environmental health' or phone 020 8496 3000.

Illegal house demolished

- Council orders demolition of house built without planning permission
- Owners also hit with fine and costs of £6,458



The property that was built adjacent to 36 Onra Road, Walthamstow – before and after



A house built in Walthamstow without planning permission has been knocked down following enforcement action by Waltham Forest Council.

The illegally-erected house was built next to 36 Onra Road without planning permission from the local authority. The owners applied for retrospective planning permission to retain the dwelling after it was erected, but this was refused by the Council in 2011.

The owners appealed the matter to the national Planning Inspectorate, who agreed with the Council. This

led to Waltham Forest Council instigating enforcement action and a notice requiring the demolition of the unauthorised house was made in September 2012.

The enforcement notice required the house to be demolished by January 2013, but the owner missed the deadline, only knocking it down in October, forcing the Council to pursue a prosecution in the courts.

The prosecution case was heard on Friday 22 November 2013 at Thames Magistrates' Court. The owners, Slot UK Ltd, pleaded guilty to failing to comply with

the enforcement notice and the Magistrates fined them £5,000 and required them to pay full costs of £1,458.

Cllr Clyde Loakes, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, told Waltham Forest News, "It really does beggar belief that in this day and age people think that it would be acceptable to simply build a house wherever they felt like it.

"I can only assume that the owner thought if they built it then we wouldn't take such drastic action as to see it demolished. Well they

were wrong. In this case the owners demolished it themselves, but in a similar case a couple of months ago we sent contractors to demolish an unauthorised property.

"Where people want to test the system they will find themselves up against an authority that is not afraid to act on issues such as this."

More info

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk or call 020 8496 3000. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

In brief



A new Scrap Metal Dealers Act is now in place

Scrap metal

A new Scrap Metal Dealers Act will make life for metal thieves much more difficult. Waltham Forest is one of the Councils that lobbied government for more powers to deal with the problem after it had seen the number of dealers in the borough increase in recent years from three in 2010, to 174 registered in the borough at last count – 160 of which are mobile collectors. It is already illegal to buy scrap metal for cash without obtaining a specific order exemption, and the new Act will make mobile collectors subject to an even more rigorous licensing and recording regime.

• **For more information about disposing of Scrap Metal and other trade waste, or for details of how to apply for a Scrap Metal Licence, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk or phone 020 8496 3000.**

Walthamstow Christmas Market

Come along and support the Walthamstow Christmas Market High Street E17

Monday 23 December
8am–5.30pm

Find that special gift, your festive foods or simply enjoy the lights and atmosphere of the market.



For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk

Recycle more in Waltham Forest

We know you may have more waste to dispose of over the festive season, so use both your green and brown bins to recycle.

You can recycle these items in your green bin



Paper and card – wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, Christmas cards



Mixed plastic – drinks bottles and lids, plastic packaging



Metal – foil trays, drinks cans, food tins



Glass – wine bottles, jars

Don't forget to 'wash and squash' – rinse out any containers and flatten where possible to save space.



Cartons – milk, fruit juice



Carrier bags

You can recycle these items in your brown bin



Unwanted food leftovers, like turkey, vegetables or plate scrapings



Pasta and rice



Meat and fish



Garden waste



Fruit, vegetables and peelings



Cake and bread



Tea bags and coffee granules

Real Christmas trees – place your real tree in or alongside your brown bin for collection.

Use your brown kitchen caddy to collect food waste in your home, and empty it into your brown bin.

Don't forget to use bin liners labelled as 'compostable', not plastic bags.

Or why not wrap your food waste in newspaper?



Revised collection dates over the festive period

If your collection would normally be on: Revised collection date:

Monday 23 December	No change
Tuesday 24 December	No change
Wednesday 25 December	Friday 27 December
Thursday 26 December	Saturday 28 December
Friday 27 December	Sunday 29 December
Monday 30 December	No change
Tuesday 31 December	No change
Wednesday 1 January	Thursday 2 January
Thursday 2 January	Friday 3 January
Friday 3 January	Saturday 4 January



 **recycle**
for Waltham Forest

Need help with your recycling?
Phone Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000
or email wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/recycling



Waltham Forest

You've got a friend

- Friends of Parks groups help keep Waltham Forest's green spaces looking their best
- If you're interested in doing your bit, why not contact your local group?

As an area that boasts more than 970 football pitches worth of open space, Waltham Forest is often noted as one of the 'greenest' of the 32 London boroughs. With the challenge of keeping over 100 parks, play areas and open spaces looking their best, Waltham Forest Council looks to residents who are keen to help do their bit for their community.

Thankfully, help is readily at hand as Waltham Forest boasts twenty Friends of Parks groups that work with the Council's Public Realm team to create better open spaces for the benefit of all residents. Each group helps care for a specific park or green area in the borough.

Through the partnership, residents get a greater say in what goes on in their local parks. Members of Friends groups can get involved in improving the park's appearance, helping to conserve its unique features, have a say about what facilities should be

on offer and much more.

The activities of a Friends group are varied and are largely up to the group to decide. The majority of groups concentrate on promoting their park, taking part in planting, conservation and tidy up days, organising community days and fundraising events and carrying out user surveys and collecting local views about parks and open spaces.

Being a member of a Friends group can also benefit you. As well as meeting new people in your neighbourhood you can also keep fit and healthy by helping out on work days. And as training can also be offered to members, you could even enhance your skills and improve your future employment prospects.

The Friends of Ainslie and Larks Woods in Chingford have been doing their bit to improve their local woodlands for almost a decade. Members undertake conservation work such as creating clearings, cutting brambles, maintaining



Residents enjoying a tree identification walk in Ainslie Wood with the Friends of Ainslie and Larks Woods

ponds and litter-picking. The Friends have also created nature trails in both woods and a free information booklet can be found at Hale End Library, North Chingford Library and The Bookshop (135 Station Road, E4 6AG).

Earlier this year the Council held consultation events with local people to understand exactly what their parks would benefit from. Drop-in sessions allowed residents to have a say and influence the design of park schemes before the final designs were produced.

One group who got involved were residents living close to Bisterne Park in Walthamstow. As a result, a new Friends of Bisterne Avenue Park group was set up which helped plan a successful family fun day in the park in July. The event was organised to launch the new facilities that include a wooden pirate ship and there were also games, stalls and more.

Nick Catlin, organiser of the

Friends of Bisterne Avenue Park told the Council, "You haven't just created a park for us; with this new park you have created a community."

Margaret Fielding, also from the Friends of the Bisterne Avenue Park, added: "We are keen to involve more local families to ensure the park becomes a true community space for people of all ages, and to encourage local initiatives to enhance the park even more."

In the south of the borough, The Friends of Langthorne Park focus on providing events in the park for the benefit of the local community. The events are always free to take part in to encourage more residents to make use of the park and its facilities.

Every year the group hosts an annual Halloween party as a safe way for local children to trick or treat, with prizes for those wearing the best fancy dress. This year around 150 local children took part. The

next event will be a Christmas Dinner for 40 older residents, which will be held in the pavilion.

To raise money to hold free events the Friends of Langthorne Park run a tea stand between March and October every year. The stand opens from 3.30pm until 7pm, or park closing time, and is staffed by volunteers.

The Council is keen to establish a new Friends Group for Leyton Jubilee Park which has seen a considerable amount of investment and regeneration work over the past year. If you live near the park, and are interested in helping or want to find out more, why not get in touch?

More info

For more information on parks in Waltham Forest visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parks or phone 020 8496 3000. For more information on Friends of Parks Groups visit www.friendsofparkswf.org.

Waltham Forest's Friends of Parks

- Friends of Abbotts Park
- Friends of Ainslee and Larks Woods
- Friends of Bistern Avenue Park
- Friends of Friendship Gardens
- Friends of Greenway Avenue
- Friends of Hawkwood Nature Reserve
- Friends of Higham Hill Recreation Ground
- Friends of Higham Park
- Friends of Langthorne Park
- Friends of Leyton Manor Park
- Friends of Lloyd Park
- Friends of Memorial Park
- Friends of Pimp Hall Nature Reserve
- Friends of Queens Road Cemetery
- Friends of St James Park
- Friends of St Mary's Nature Reserve
- Friends of Sidmouth Park
- Friends of Stoneydown Park
- Whitehouse Woods British Naturalists Association
- Friends of Wingfield Park

Sports and fitness

West Essex Ramblers

Days and times vary

Our friendly walking group offers four walks a week, including town and country walks, short and long. To request a sample programme phone 020 8502 1628 or visit www.westessexramblers.org.uk

Women's fun netball session

Mondays from 7 January 2014, 8–9pm

Leytonstone School Sports Hall, 159 Colworth Road, E11 1JD
We are a friendly group of local women and welcome beginners and those wanting to re-live their school sports glory days. The sessions for the New Year start on Monday 7 January. Entry costs £4 per session, paid in cash on the night, to cover cost of hall rental. The sports hall is accessed from car park at the front of the school on James Lane. For more information please email jen.wiggins@talktalk.net or sally.pedder@westking.ac.uk

Circular Flow Yoga

Tuesdays, 7.15–8.15pm

Foster Hall, Wellesley Road, E17 8JZ
A flow yoga style for mixed abilities—combining postures together uniting the movement, the breath and the mind. Stretch away the winter aches. £10 per class drop in or £35 for five classes. First trial class £5 with this listing. For more information visit www.circularflowyoga.co.uk

Tai Chi for Health

Saturdays, 11am

Walthamstow Academy, Billet Road
A relaxed 90 minute weekly class aimed at the over 50s, focusing on improving health. Beginners welcome. Class costs just £3 per week, to be purchased in five week blocks in advance. To book a place phone Emma on 020 8558 5512.

Yoga for Healthy Backs

Starts Monday 6 January 2014, 8.30–9.30pm

Quaker Meeting House, Bush Road, E11 3AU or Chingford United Reformed Church, 2B Buxton Road, E4 7DP
A 12 week course for all — particularly for those with reoccurring back issues. This programme is a research and evidence based programme, acknowledged by Arthritis UK. A private class limited to eight people. CD, homework and book will also need to be purchased. Facilitated by trained and qualified teacher. For further information, and to book, visit www.arlenedunkley-wood.co.uk or phone Arlene on 07976 903003.

Lloyd Park Green Gym

Every Friday, 11am–2pm

Lloyd Park, Forest Road, E17 4PP
'Join in, feel good'. The Conservation Volunteers Green Gym® is a scheme which inspires you to improve both your

health and the environment at the same time. Experienced leaders guide you through a range of practical projects, giving you the opportunity to tackle physical jobs in the outdoors — improving your strength and stamina, boosting your practical skills and confidence and benefiting your local green spaces. It is free to take part. For more information phone Gareth on 020 8533 8022 or email gg-waltham-forest@tcv.org.uk

Postnatal Yoga and Baby Massage

Starts Saturday 4 January 2014, 10am–12noon

Quaker Meeting House, Bush Road, E11 3AU
A six week combined course for all the family. The first hour is for new mums to have yoga, followed by an hour with dads to learn baby massage together. The entire family will be relaxed and calm. There will also be an introduction to using doTERRA CPTG essential oils for the families' wellbeing. Limited to 8 families. For further information, and to book, visit www.arlenedunkley-wood.co.uk or phone Arlene on 07976 903003.

Pilates classes

Saturdays, 9am and 10am

Leyton Youth Centre, Crawley Road, E10 5PY
Drop in Pilates classes. General level class starts at 9am and beginners class at 10am. Classes cost £10 and mats and small equipment are provided. Alison, the teacher, is highly qualified and experienced and has been teaching for 14 years. Pilates can improve your strength, flexibility, balance coordination, bone density, reduce pain and encourage relaxation. For more information email alison.bray@gmail.com or visit www.facebook.com/abpilateslondon

Pilates Fusion course

Tuesday 7 January to Tuesday 11 February 2014, 7.30–8.30pm

Harmony Hall, 10 Truro Road, E17 7BY
This one hour session includes 20 minutes low impact cardio/stretching and 40 minutes Pilates for toning and strengthening the whole body. You will learn all Pilates principles, and how to perform them with ease and confidence. Six week course costs £45. For more information email mail@infinehealth.co.uk or phone Sonja on 07847 603423.



Pegasus Military Fitness

Tuesdays, 9.30am and 7pm; Fridays, 9.30am and Saturdays, 9am

Meet Tuesdays and Fridays at New Road car park E4 9EY. Meet Saturdays at Bury Road car park, Chingford Plains. Group fitness classes run by motivational instructors. £5 per session pay as you go. For more information visit www.pegasumilitaryfitness.com or phone 07866 758735.

Clubs and community

Affordable Psychotherapy in English and Spanish

Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm

Near Blackhorse Road Station, Walthamstow
Short and long term psychotherapy for individuals and couples. Sliding scale of fees, meaning that everyone can access psychotherapy. Concessions for students, unwaged and retired people. For more information phone Valeria Bonfiglio on 07912 887588, email vb.psychologist@gmail.com or visit www.valeriabonfiglio.co.uk

Beginners Computer Courses for over 50s

Starts January 2014

Ten week beginner computer course covering all aspects of getting started with using a computer, including using the internet, email and basic word processing. Group courses are held across the borough and cost £39.90. Alternatively if you have a computer and internet connection at home, one-to-one courses cost £99. Places are limited and allocated on a first-come, first served basis. For more information, please phone Age UK Waltham Forest on 020 8558 5512.

Carols and Cake around the Christmas Tree

Sunday 22 December, 4–5pm

Highams Park URC Christian Church, Malvern Avenue, Highams Park
Everyone welcome. For more information phone 020 8504 5725.

Christmas Carol Service by Candlelight

Sunday 22 December, 6.30pm

Central Baptist Church, 101 Orford Road, E17
Come and join us at our annual Carol Service by Candlelight with refreshments afterwards. All welcome.

Highams Park Farmer's Market

Sunday 22 December, 10am–3pm

Station Car park, Highams Park
Selection of breads, cakes, cheeses, pies and much more.



Carols on the Green

Sunday 22 December, 5.30–6pm

Knotts Green, Lea Bridge Road, Leyton
Join us to celebrate Christmas with a short open air carol service, followed by free seasonal refreshments. Hosted by GateWay Church, with the kind permission of City of London Forest Services. For more information visit www.gatewaychurch.org.uk or phone 020 8558 0367.

Learn Mandarin

Days and times vary

London Cross-Culture Bilingual (LCB) Education Centre, Suite 12 Gateland Business Centre, 210 Church Road, E10 7JG
Develop your Mandarin language and cultural skills for a successful future! Discover the fun steps to speaking, reading, writing and thinking in a new language. A range of courses available including beginners, intermediate and advanced Mandarin classes, Chinese calligraphy, business Chinese and Mandarin for kids. Please phone Mr Jianhui Cai on 07412 485 813 or email crossculturebilingualeducation@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

Lea Bridge Conservation Volunteers

Sunday 5 January, 9.30am

Escape the winter blues by joining LBCV for a spot of spring bulb planting on Tottenham Marsh. LBCV meets on the first Sunday of every month from 9.30am at 1 Connaught Close, Lea Bridge Road E10 7QS. All tools and instruction provided. New volunteers welcome, please phone 07757 766950 or email info@lbcv.org.uk

Family Days

Friday 27 December and Monday 3 December, 11am–2pm

Stoneydown Park, Walthamstow, E17 6JY
Two family events to keep the gang happy over the holidays. Firstly, we'll be looking at some of the creatures that reside in the park with a nature trail on the Friday and then we'll be undertaking some home building on the Monday for our insect population. Free event. For more information phone 020 8533 8022 email gg-waltham-forest@tcv.org.uk or visit www2.tcv.org.uk/btcv_ggwalthamforest

Variety Collective Christmas Show

Monday 16 December, 3pm

Waltham Forest Social Club, Town Hall

Complex, Forest Road, E17 4JF
Featuring Tommy Lees, Barry Daniels and Mickie Driver. For more information phone 020 8527 3944.

South Chingford Community Library

Tuesdays, 10am–4pm

265 Chingford Mount Road, E4 8LP
Activities on offer include men's morning from 11am–1pm, play all types of games also light refreshments available. All ages welcome. Children's morning from 10.30am–12.30pm for ages 3 months to 5 years. Chingford children's centre, ages 3 months to 5 years from 1–3pm. For more information phone 020 8529 3035, email southchingfordlibrary@gmail.com or visit www.southchingfordlibrary.org.uk

LGBT Social Support

Thursdays, 2.30–4pm

ELOP Centre 56–60 Grove Road Walthamstow E17 9BN
A weekly social support group for all LGBT people and those with support needs looking to socialise and share experiences in a relaxed, supportive environment away from the scene. Be yourself, talk about the issues relevant to you and develop lasting friendships. With different activities such as art projects, discussion afternoons, quizzes and movies, through to stress buster workshops, relaxation sessions, self-esteem, confidence building and much more. Entry £2. For more information phone 020 8509 3898 or email info@elop.org

'Next Step' course for adults with dyslexia

Wednesdays from 15 January 2014, 6.30–8.30pm

Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, E10 6EQ
Free adult course run by Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association. If you're an adult with dyslexia who's thinking about taking the next step and returning to education or employment this free five week course will provide you with tips and strategies to help you plan your way forward. To book a place phone Helen Bigham on 07702 601897 or email helenbigham@hotmail.co.uk

Culture and crafts

Guffaw Comedy Club Christmas Special

Wednesday 18 December, 8.30pm

Ye Olde Rose and Crown Theatre Pub, Hoe Street, E17 4SA
Featuring Steve Hughes, Gordon Southern, Wayne Deakin and Susan Murray. Tickets cost £12.50 and are available from www.wegotickets.com/event/249394. For more information phone Alaric on 07971 712019.



Leyton Sixth Form Photography Exhibition

Until Sunday 22 December, times vary
The Mill, 7-11 Coppermill Lane, E17 7HA
An exhibition of photography by students from Leyton Sixth Form College. Open Tuesday to Thursday, 10am to 7pm; Friday and Saturday, 10am to 6pm and Sunday 11am to 2pm. Entry is free. **For more information phone 020 8521 3211, visit www.themill-coppermill.org or email info@themill-coppermill.org**

E11 POP UP

Thursday and Friday, 12-6pm; Saturday, 10am-5pm and Sunday, 10am-4pm
819 High Road Leytonstone, E11 1HQ
E11 POP UP is a new Designer Makers pop up shop opening next to Leytonstone Library until Sunday 22 December. With everything from designer textiles and hand-made accessories including jewellery and artisan crafts and trade stalls with soaps, candles, Christmas decorations and healthy living products. **For more information email E11popup@yahoo.co.uk or visit Twitter [@E11POPUP](https://twitter.com/E11POPUP)**

Freddy Boy's Rock and Roll Christmas Party

Friday 20 December, 7.30-midnight
Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road, E4 7EN
Featuring Buddy Holly, Jerry Lee Lewis, Eddie Cochran, Roy Orbison and the Counterfeit Crickets tribute acts. Plus DJ Neil spinning the RnR decks. There will also be a bar and raffle. Tickets cost £15 and are available in advance or on the door. Limited tickets, so advanced purchase is recommended. **Phone Freddy Boy on 07930 544 312 or send a S.A.E and cheque to F. Humphreys, 35 Homebush House, 142 Kings Head Hill, Chingford E4 7PW.**

Jewellery Making Taster

Saturday 11 January, 10-11am
124 Farnan Avenue, E17 4NH
In the New Year learn a new skill, make new friends and find balance and a bit of me-time in a busy life. Try one of our monthly Taster Workshops and make a beautiful pendant or pair of earrings, or learn the foundations of wire & bead techniques in our Introductory Workshop. Classes are small (max.6) and friendly,

booking is essential. **For more information please phone Birgit on 020 8531 4002 or visit www.beyondbeading.co.uk**

Dare to Design

Thursdays, 9.30-11am
Chingford Hall Children Centre, 4 Burnside Avenue, E4 8YJ
Craft workshop for parents, kids are welcome! Learn different techniques in a very friendly environment. Be creative and transform old objects. Materials provided. **For more information phone 020 8527 7310.**

Bakers Arms Book Group

Last Friday of every month, 7.30pm
The Hornbeam Café, 458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH
We are a friendly and informal group (sometimes some of us haven't even read the book!) Tea, coffee and wine available. New members welcome, just turn up. Forthcoming programme: 31 January – The Daughters of Mars by Thomas Keneally, 28 February – Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi and 28 March – The Quarry by Iain Banks. **For more information visit www.hornbeam.org.uk**

Banjo classes for adults

Days and times TBC
Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU
Weekly classes for all abilities from absolute beginners to advanced. With professional musician whose experience spans over 25 years. Private lessons also available. **For further information and to book, please phone Dick Smith on 07903 419 691, email dickbanjosmith@gmail.com or visit www.banjosmith.co.uk**

Ukulele classes for adults

Days and times TBC
Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU
Come and learn the ukulele, or brush up your skills, with an experienced professional musician in a fun and relaxed environment. New course for beginners starts in January. **For further information and to book, please phone Dick Smith on 07903 419 691, email dickbanjosmith@gmail.com or visit www.banjosmith.co.uk**

Strung Out violin group for adults

Days and times TBC
Quaker Meeting House, 1a Jewel Road, E17 4QU
Got a violin in your attic you want to dust down? Fancy learning a new skill? Strung Out is a fun violin group for adult enthusiasts of all levels, with a professional musician. All styles of music welcomed from classical to traditional. Intermediates, easy and beginners welcome. Evening classes are limited, so please call for further information and to reserve a place.

New term commences Monday 6 January 2014. **For more information please phone Alison Jones on 07740 622 428, email strungout@shapeshifter-productions.com or visit www.shapeshifter-productions.com**

Children and young people

Avola Dance Academy

Days and times vary
Stern Hall Methodist Church, Sternhall Street, E17 9HX
Ballet, tap and freestyle dance classes for school age children. IDTA qualified teacher. **For more information phone Nicola on 07814 781 642 or email avoladance@hotmail.co.uk**

Melody Movement

Fridays from 10 January, 10.30am
Stern Hall Methodist Church, Sternhall Street, E17 9HX
The only Melody Movement School in Waltham Forest, offering dance and movement from age two. Classes involving dance, movement, dressing up and music. Collect stickers to complete a work card, on completion of 12 lessons, a medal is received. Classes cost £5 per week. Please phone now to book, as places are limited. **For more information phone Nicola on 07814 781 642 or email avoladance@hotmail.co.uk**

E17 Junior Guitar Club

Saturdays, times vary
Hornbeam Centre, 458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH
Guitar playing fun for children of all abilities. Ages 7 and upwards. Pay £8 for a taster session, then £48 for a half-term of six 30 minute lessons. **For more information phone Christian Karlsson on 07958 471083, email chris@stunningmusic.com or visit www.stunningmusic.com**

Club Mellow parent, baby and toddler

Thursdays, 10.30am-12.30pm
ELOP centre, 56-60 Grove Road Walthamstow E17 9BN
A weekly social group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans parents and carers with bumps, babies and toddlers. A chance to meet and socialise with other LGBT parents and carers, share support and parenting tips, talk about the issues relevant to you, and develop LGBT social networks for you and your children. With plenty of toys and activities for the little ones and a chance to share stories and build better networks for the adults. Entry £2.50 for adults, free for little ones. **For more information phone 020 8509 3898 or email info@elop.org**

Maths and English tuition

Mondays, 4-6pm
Saturdays, 1-3pm
St Marys Hall, Lindley Road, E10 6QT
Leyton First Class Learning help children

succeed in Maths and English. **For more information phone Rosa on 07503 140389 or email leyton@firstclasslearning.co.uk**

Community Ward Forums

Hatch Lane, Hale End and Highams Park joint meeting

Monday 20 January 2014, 7-9pm
Longshaw Primary School, 18 Longshaw Road, E4 6LH

For more information on Community Ward Forums visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-ward-forums

Council Meetings

Monday 16 December
Environment Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 7 January 2014
Planning Committee, 7pm

All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall and start at 7.30pm unless stated otherwise.

THEATRE TRAIN

DANCE
ACT
SING

CELEBRATING
20 YEARS
1992 - 2012

Professional training in the Performing Arts.
Aged 6-18 years.
Term starts 4th January. First Session FREE.
Prices still only £14 per week. Siblings 1/2 price.
Assisted places available.

Every Saturday 2.30-5.30pm
Theatretrein Waltham Forest
Leytonstone School,
Colworth Rd, E11 1JD

walthamforest@theatretrein.co.uk

01992 812 668

www.theatretrein.co.uk

The company that loves to perform



/theatretrein



@theatretrein



/theatretrein

Licensing of all Privately Rented Properties

Better Housing

www.walthamforest.gov.uk

We think...

that every privately rented home in Waltham Forest should be licensed by the Council, so we propose to make the borough a Selective Licensing Area.



Creating
a better place



What do you think...

For full details and to comment on the proposal visit
**www.walthamforest.gov.uk/
selectivelicensing**

Alternatively, pop along to one of our street stalls or roadshows. Details are on our website.

The consultation is open until **24 January 2014** and only takes a few moments to complete.

For more information call **020 8496 3000**.



THE LONDON LEGACY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LOCAL PLAN

SETTING THE DIRECTION FOR CHANGE IN YOUR AREA

Jobs?

Homes?

Rivers?

Schools?

Parks?

Communities?

Bromley-by-Bow, Hackney Wick, Fish Island, Stratford

Have your say

Community consultation 2 December 2013 – 7 February 2014

Let us know what you think about the draft Local Plan consultation document and what it means for where you live or work.
Pick up one of our leaflets, visit our website, or attend one of our community consultation events:

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2014, 6:30PM Stratford Circus, Theatre Square, Stratford, London, E15 1BX	THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2014, 6:30PM Gainsborough Community Primary School, Berkshire Road, London, E9 5ND	TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2014, 6:30PM The House Mill, Three Mill Lane, Bromley-by-Bow, London, E3 3DU

A learning curve

■ Over £160 million is being set aside to improve schools in Waltham Forest

■ Works include new classrooms, better school kitchens and extra school places

Whether you're a pupil studying hard to ensure a successful future, a parent meeting with others for a chinwag at the school gates or an older person attending an adult learning class, Waltham Forest's schools provide a focal point for much of the borough's community life.

With that in mind, a major investment programme is currently boosting schools across Waltham Forest, with new classrooms and quality meals set to be the defining school memories for the borough's younger residents.

Drawing on funding from a range of areas – including government money secured by the Council – £160 million is being ploughed into local schools, giving them first-class learning facilities and extra space to cope with an increasing demand on places.

“We know that the most important way to help children achieve their full potential is to give them the best learning environments possible and the space to be creative, to explore and push their limits”, Cllr Clare Coghill, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, told Waltham Forest News.

“Coupled with that is the need to give children the right food so they have the energy to keep going throughout the day, and that's why school kitchens are so important.”

As part of the scheme, £4 million has been set aside to improve kitchens in a number of schools, so they can provide healthy, nutritious meals on site, rather than the sloppy school dinners most adults will remember.

“It's a fairly common misconception that every school has a fully functioning kitchen, but the reality is that some schools don't,” explains Cllr Coghill.

“When we plan for providing extra spaces in a school, it's important that we consider the impact that the

extra pupils will have on every area of the building. As the lifeblood of the school, the kitchen is an important place to start.”

As well as new and improved kitchens, schools are also benefiting from refurbishments, extensions and in some cases, complete rebuilding. Designed to maximise space, increase natural light and encourage outdoor learning, the designs are light-years away from the grey classrooms and cold sports halls of the past.

Mission Grove

Increasing in size so that it can take an extra two forms per year, Mission Grove will be finished in January 2014. New extensions and a dedicated Year 6 block will create more space and the school's kitchen has also doubled in size.

By refurbishing and moving pupils into a satellite site, the school will be able to take on extra pupils without sacrificing space.

Stoneydown Primary

Costing £4.3 million, Stoneydown's current base is being improved and the school will also extend into the Warner Road Disability Centre, which was originally built as a school in 1888. Bringing this disused building back into use will mean Stoneydown can take nearly double its current number of pupils, creating places for 630 pupils from September 2014.

The school will also have new group rooms for specialist teaching and extra storage areas to house equipment used for art and drama lessons. A new playground at the Warner Road site, with hard and soft play areas, will create an exciting outdoor play area for younger pupils.

Willowfield Humanities College

Willowfield Humanities College is set for a new home, half a mile from its current base in Clifton Avenue.

Relocating to Blackhorse Road, the school will go from a four form to a six form entry school, providing space for an extra 300 pupils.

The new building will highlight the school's humanities specialism and make use of external learning space during the warmer months.

Thorpe Hall

As part of Thorpe Hall's £7 million improvement, natural light will flood the school's new build extension and classrooms will face a landscaped courtyard. This building will also house new classrooms, a kitchen to provide school meals and a multi-purpose dining hall large enough to host team games and storage that can be used by community groups. Trees and dedicated play spaces will also be brought in to the school's external areas, encouraging outdoor play and learning.

Set for completion in October 2014, the school will expand from a two form to a three form entry school.

“Our school results are improving year on year,” said Cllr Coghill. “Just last week for example, confirmed Key Stage 2 results showed that 95 per cent of our primary schools are achieving national literacy and numeracy standards – which is higher than the national rate.”

“As our results continue to improve and demand for our school places increases, it's important that we forward-plan so that every element of our schools – from classrooms to kitchens – can cope with the extra pupils and continue to inspire children to achieve their full potential.”

More info

To find out more visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterschools or phone 020 8496 3000.



£4 million will be spent on improving school kitchens



Cllr Clare Coghill and pupils take a tour of new classrooms at Mission Grove



A new classroom at Stoneydown Primary

Fact file

- Nearly £160 million is being invested in improving and expanding schools in Waltham Forest.
- 19 schools are benefiting from major works projects, such as expansions, new builds and major refurbishments.
- 33 schools are benefiting from condition works, such as improvements to roofing, drainage, windows, heating systems and kitchen ventilation.
- £4 million is being used to refurbish school kitchens to help school kitchen staff provide nutritious meals to pupils.
- This follows the launch of the Waltham Forest Breakfast Club in September, which gives every Reception and Year 7 pupil in the borough the option of a subsidised breakfast at their school.

Planning

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM

FOREST

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

– SECTIONS 6 AND 23

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – SECTIONS

65(1), 66(4), 90A AND 90C – PROPOSED

INTRODUCTION OF ZEBRA CROSSING,

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES,

MANDATORY CYCLE LANE AND

PROVISION OF SHARED-USE CYCLE

TRACKS – AMENDMENTS TO AND

PROVISION OF WAITING AND LOADING

RESTRICTIONS AND PARKING

The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. *) Order 201* – The Waltham Forest

(Prescribed Routes) (No. *) Order 201*

The Waltham Forest (Free Parking

Places) (Short Stay) (Revocation No. *)

Order 201* – T57

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest (the Council) proposes to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to:

- (a) on the north-east side of **Cathall Road** extend the existing “at any time” double yellow line waiting restrictions at its junction with Grove Green Road to the existing “at any time” double yellow line waiting restrictions at its junction with Marchant Road (north-western kerb line);
- (b) on both sides of **Eastern Road** extend the existing “at any time” double yellow line waiting restrictions at its junction with Lea Bridge Road from 6 metres to 11.5 metres in a north-westerly direction
- (c) on both sides of **Evanston Avenue**

provide “at any time” double yellow line waiting restrictions from its junction with Winchester Road (1) on the west side northwards for a distance of 9.7 metres and (2) on the east side north-westwards to a point 1.7 metres north-west of the north-western wall of No. 192 Winchester Road; (d) on the north-west side of Forest Road remove the existing two free parking places that are located south-west of its junction with South Countess Road and outside No. 339 Forest Road and extend the existing “at any time” double yellow line waiting restrictions in that location; (e) on the north-west side of **Grove Green Road** convert the existing single yellow line waiting restriction between Nos. 146 and 160 Grove Green Road to “at any time” double yellow line waiting restrictions; (f) on the south-east side of **Grove Green Road** extend the existing “at any time” double yellow line waiting restrictions from the current termination point opposite No. 138 Grove Green south-westward to a point outside the common boundary of Nos. 141 and 143 Grove Green Road; (g) on the north-west side of **Lea Bridge Road** extend the existing “at any time” double yellow line waiting restrictions from a point 8 metres south-west of the south-western kerb line of Burwell Road to a point 12 metres south-west of that said kerb line; (h) on the north-west side of **Lea Bridge Road** upgrade the existing single yellow line waiting restrictions between No. 329 and 337 Lea Bridge Road to “at any time” double yellow line waiting restrictions; (i) on the north-west side of **Lea Bridge Road** provide “at any time” loading restrictions between the south-western kerb line of Northumberland Road and a point 8 metres south-west of that said kerb-line; (j) on the north-east side of **Cathall Road** provide a mandatory “at any time” cycle lane (with a width throughout of 1.5 metres) and “at any time” loading restrictions between

a point 59 metres south-east of the south-eastern kerb-line of Grove Green Road and a point 31 metres north-west of the north-western kerb-line of Marchant Road; (k) on the south-east side of **Grove Green Road** provide a mandatory “at any time” cycle lane (with a width throughout of 1.5 metres) and “at any time” loading restrictions from a point 12 metres south-west of the south-western kerb line of Cathall Road to a point outside the common boundary of Nos. 141 and 143 Grove Green Road; (l) remove a short stay parking place 15 metres in length outside No. 339 Forest Road, and (m) make minor corrections to existing order definitions in some of the above roads so they better reflect what is currently on the ground (there would be no change to the way the current restrictions operate).

3. **FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Council will provide under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Sections 90A and 90C of the Highways Act 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 a raised “zebra” pedestrian crossing in **Wadham Road**, so that the centre of the crossing is situated 26.5 metres east of the eastern kerb-line of Winchester Road. Associated zig-zag markings, on which vehicles would be prohibited from stopping at all times, will be placed on the carriageway either side of the crossing (extending up to 12.9 metres westwards and eastwards). The elevated section of the “zebra” pedestrian crossing will extend across the full width of the carriageway with sinusoidal ramps measuring 1.2 metres in length with a plateau 6 metres in length on the crossing.

4. **FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Council, in accordance with Sections 90A and 90C of the Highways Act 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999, proposes to:

- (a) introduce entry treatments at the following locations:

- i. **Burwell Road E17** and **Salcombe Road E17**, north-westward from their respective junctions with Lea Bridge Road with ramps measuring 1.2 metres in length;
 - ii. **Eastern Road E17** and **Shernhall Street E17**, north-westward from their respective junctions with Lea Bridge Road with ramps measuring 1.5 metres in length;
 - iii. **Manor Road E10**, south-eastward from its junction with Lea Bridge Road with ramps measuring 1.2 metres in length;
 - iv. **South Countess Road E17**, northward from its junction with Forest Road with ramps measuring 1.5 metres in length; and (b) in **Wadham Road** replace the existing sinusoidal road humps located outside No. 202 Winchester Road with a “speed table” extending across the full width of the carriageway with sinusoidal ramps measuring 1.5 metres in length and a plateau 6 metres in length.
- The entry treatments and speed table with sinusoidal ramps would be elevated sections of carriageway approximately 75 millimetres (+/- 5mm) higher than the surrounding carriageway, extending across the full width of the carriageway and measuring between 7 and 9 metres in length, including the gradients.*
5. **FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Council, in accordance with Sections 65(1) and 66(4) of the Highways Act 1980, proposes to convert certain lengths of footway into shared-use cycle tracks for use by cyclists and pedestrians at the locations mentioned in Schedule 1 below. The cycle tracks are proposed to aid cyclists to link with existing and new cycle links and networks along key routes, and to avoid fast moving traffic on the carriageways.
6. Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published, at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; and (b)

The Reception Desk, The London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

7. Any person desiring to object to the proposals or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS quoting reference T57 by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made. For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000 quoting reference Traffic Orders – T57

Dated 16th December 2013
Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS

Schedule 1 Cathall Road

(1) north-east side – from the south-eastern kerb-line of Grove Green Road continuing in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 73 metres; and
 (2) south-west side – from 20 metres south-east of the south-eastern kerb-line of Grove Green Road continuing in a south-easterly direction for a distance of 68.5 metres.

Grove Green Road

south-east side – (a) between the common boundary of Nos. 141 and 143 Grove Green Road to the south-western kerb-line of Cathall Road, and (b) between the common boundary of Nos. 164 and 166 Grove Green Road and the north-eastern kerb-line of Cathall Road;

Lea Bridge Road

south-east side – (a) for a distance of 29 metres south-west of the south-western kerb-line of Elm Park Road and (b) for a distance of 16 metres north-east of the north-eastern kerb-line of Elm Park Road.

More Public notices on p18–19.

Adopt

WE CAN HELP YOU

CREATE A CLOSE KNIT FAMILY

We are looking for adoptive parents from London and the surrounding areas.

To find out more, come along to an adoption open evening on:

**Wednesday 18 December, 6.15pm, Leyton Youth Centre
Crawley Road, Leyton E10 5PY**

**Tuesday 14 January 2014, Waltham Forest Town Hall,
Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4JF**

For advice and support on adoption, contact us:



www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adopt

020 8496 3000

The knitted characters featured all have loving families.



“Waltham Forest adoption service is fantastic.

They provided me with lots of support throughout my adoption journey. I wouldn't change our life for anything.”

Mum to ‘Dylan’, 5



Parks looking shipshape

■ Leyton Jubilee Park will house an exciting new pirate play ship for children

■ Drapers Field also set to reopen to residents following £2 million overhaul

Although the summer sun might be a distant memory now that winter is well and truly here, there are still plenty of reasons to enjoy the borough's fantastic parks during the colder weather.

Your local parks are at the heart of the community, providing you with a great place to take a walk, entertain the kids or have a kickabout to help keep you fit and healthy. We know how important your parks are and that is why we have committed to investing in them to make them even better.

As part of ambitious plans to regenerate Waltham Forest – which include refurbishing all of

Lane Playing Fields were brought together.

In the sports zone mini and junior football pitches sit next to a basketball court and a new pavilion. The play zone includes an under sevens' play area, a play area for children aged eight and over, a snake swing and an outdoor gym. There is an area for events called the Showground and a nature area known as the Plateau.

A new bridge has been constructed at the Marsh Lane entrance to improve access and encourage more local people to take advantage of this fantastic park and a building known as the Cottage has been renovated for use

residents will be waiting eagerly for the pirate ship to open, and I hope to see thousands of local children enjoying the park for many years to come."

Meanwhile, Drapers Field in Leyton has been transformed as part of a multi-million pound deal with the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA). Used during the Olympic and Paralympic Games as a logistics site, the ODA has paid for the open space to be restored as a first rate sports facility for local people. Local residents can look forward to a revitalised green space, situated in the heart of Leyton and at the gateway to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Improvement works costing £2 million, which were drawn up in consultation with residents, include a new all-weather third generation football pitch, a junior natural turf pitch and children's play facilities.

The pavilion is being refurbished to encourage community groups to use the facilities and a small café area has been created. Improved access to the park in the form of a new entrance on Temple Mills Lane will encourage walking and cycling and there will be better links to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Stratford. Residents will also be able to take part in new cycling proficiency courses at the park, introduced to encourage more people to get on their bikes.

More info

To find out more about Waltham Forest's park improvement plans visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace. For more information on how to book the sports pitches at Drapers Field email legacy@walthamforest.gov.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

"The Council has invested £2 million to turn these 34 acres of land into one of the borough's premier parks."

the borough's leisure centres, upgrading libraries, improving roads and sprucing up high streets – the Council has made a firm commitment to improve the borough's parks.

In total 30 parks and playgrounds have received a share of £5.8 million to create exciting play and sports facilities and environmental enhancements that benefit the whole community.

Improvements range from creating natural play features for younger children to encourage creative play and learning, to new high quality play equipment and state-of-the-art synthetic sports pitches to allow for year-round use.

Leyton Jubilee Park has already seen improvements in the form of new play equipment, sports facilities and a new bridge to improve access for residents. Work on the park began in autumn 2012 when Ive Farm and Marsh

by Eton Manor Athletics Club.

Further improvements are set to be made early in the New Year. A special late Christmas present will be making its way from Lapland to Leyton in the form of a wooden pirate ship.

The spectacular 20 metre by 13 metre play ship can accommodate up to 100 children at a time. The ship will offer budding young swashbucklers the opportunity to slide, climb, balance and above all enjoy fun, imaginative play with their friends.

Council Leader Chris Robbins told Waltham Forest News: "The new bridge, the Cottage, the play equipment and the outdoor gym are all great additions to Leyton Jubilee Park, and I'm delighted that there is more to come."

"The Council has invested £2 million to turn these 34 acres of land into one of the borough's premier parks. I'm sure our younger



A fantastic pirate play ship will be installed at Leyton Jubilee Park in the New Year



Eton Manor Athletics Club's clubhouse – the Cottage – has been refurbished



A new all-weather football pitch is just one of the improvements made at Drapers Field, Leyton



A young resident has fun testing the outdoor gym at Leyton Jubilee Park

ARE YOU TIRED OF ENDLESS PIECES OF JUNK MAIL PILING UP?

SAY "NO" TO JUNK MAIL

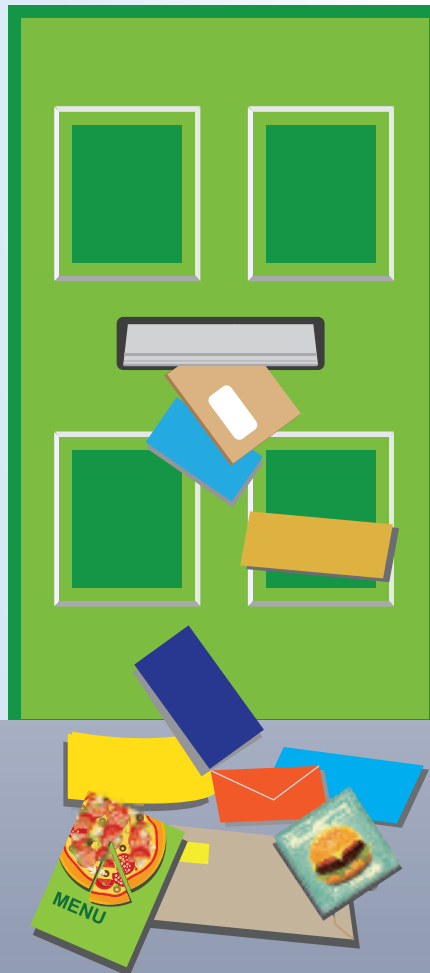
Did you know that the average household in the UK receives around 650 pieces of junk mail each year?

In north London this is equivalent to **18kg** of rubbish per household.

Five easy ways to reduce junk mail

1. Place a 'no junk mail' sticker or sign on your front door
2. Register with the Mailing Preference Service
3. Register with the Royal Mail opt-out service
4. Avoid joining new mailing lists by ticking the 'opt-out' box on forms
5. Return unwanted mail – write 'return to sender' on the envelope and post it back without a stamp

Find out more and order your free 'no junk mail' pack and sticker at wiseuptowaste.org.uk/nojunkmail



WiseUpToWaste



@WiseUpToWaste



nlwa
north london waste authority



IF YOU WASTE LESS FOOD YOU SAVE MORE MONEY

I FREEZE THE LEFTOVERS FROM
THE FESTIVE SEASON TO TURN
INTO DELICIOUS MEALS IN THE
NEW YEAR

VERONICA, MANOR HOUSE



It's hard to believe, but you could
save up to £50 a month just by
cutting food waste. To find out
how visit wiseuptowaste.org.uk

 @WiseUpToWaste

 WiseUpToWaste

WISE UP
nlwa **TO WASTE**
north london waste authority

Notices

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST DOG CONTROL ORDERS 2006 – PUBLIC NOTICE

In pursuance of S.55 of the Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (Part 6 Chapter 1) and The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, etc) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/1059) the London Borough of Waltham Forest (the Authority) on Tuesday 12th November 2013 approved the following amendments to the following existing Dog Control Orders approved on Friday 6th October 2006:

The Fouling of Land by Dogs (2006) (Amendment) Order 2013

The Fouling of Land by Dogs (London Borough of Waltham Forest) Amended Order 2013 (replacing The Fouling of Land by Dogs (London Borough of Waltham Forest) Order 2006).

The London Borough of Waltham Forest hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order comes into force on 6th January 2014
 2. This order applies to all land which is open to the air and to which the public are permitted to have access (with or without payment) including all land owned by the Corporation of London that the public has access to, all highways, roads, footways, footpaths, alleyways, grass verges, parks, all open spaces, public burial sites, public cemeteries and all public car-parks operated or managed by the Council within the London Borough of Waltham Forest'
- Offence**

3. (1) If a dog defecates at any time on land to which this Order applies and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless –

- a. he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- b. the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so

(2) Nothing in this article applies to a person who-

- (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
- (b) has a disability which affects his mobility, manual dexterity, physical co-ordination or ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, in respect of a dog trained by a prescribed charity and upon which he relies for assistance

(3) For the purposes of this article-

- (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
- (b) placing the faeces in a receptacle on the land which is provided for the purpose, or for the disposal of waste, shall be sufficient removal from the land;
- (c) being unaware of the defecation (whether by reason of not being in the vicinity or otherwise), or not having a device for or other suitable means of removing the faeces shall not be a reasonable excuse for failing to remove the faeces;

(d) each of the following is a "prescribed charity"

- (i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454);
- (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281);
- (iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)

Penalty

4. A person who is guilty of an offence under article 3 above shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale

The Dogs Exclusion (London Borough of Waltham Forest) Amended Order 2013 (replacing The Dogs Exclusion (London Borough of Waltham Forest) Order 2006)

The London Borough of Waltham Forest hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order comes into force on 6th January 2014
2. The order applies to the land specified in the attached Schedule

Offence

3 (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time he takes the dog onto, or permits the dog to enter or to remain on, any land to which this order applies unless;

- (a) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
 - (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so
- (2) Nothing in this article applies to a person who-
- (a) is registered as a blind person in a register compiled under section 29 of the National Assistance Act 1948; or
 - (b) is deaf, in respect of a dog trained by Hearing Dogs for Deaf People (registered charity number 293358) and upon which he relies for assistance

(3) For the purposes of this article-

- (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
- (b) each of the following is a "prescribed charity"

- (i) Dogs for the Disabled (registered charity number 700454);
- (ii) Support Dogs (registered charity number 1088281);
- (iii) Canine Partners for Independence (registered charity number 803680)

Penalty

4. A person who is guilty of an offence under article 3 above shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale

SCHEDULE

- All children's playgrounds play areas, sports courts and multi-use games areas in all parks and open spaces within Waltham Forest. and All marked sports pitches when organised games are taking place in all parks and open spaces within Waltham Forest.
- Abbots Park, Abbots Park Road, E10 – Putting Green, Children's Playground and Tennis Courts
- Acacia Road Playground Acacia Road, E11 – Whole site

- Arnett Square Playground Chingford Hall Estate, E4 – Whole site
- Artesian Gardens Playground off Cathall Road, E11 – Whole site
- Bellamy Road Memorial Garden, Bellamy Road, E4 – Whole site
- Bisterne Avenue Park, Bisterne Avenue, E17-Children's – Play Areas
- Blades and Salisbury Hall Playing Fields, Salisbury Hall, Walthamstow Avenue, Chingford Road, E4 – Whole site
- Bridge Road Playground, Bridge Road, E10 – Whole site
- Britannia Playing Fields, Billet Road, E17 – Whole site
- Broadfields Playing Fields Walthamstow Avenue, E17 – Whole site
- Cann Hall Park, Cann Hall Road, E11 – Children's Playground and Skate Park
- Chase Lane Park, York Road, E4 – Children's Playground
- Church Lane Playground, Church Lane, E11 – Whole site
- Coppermill Park, Coppermill Lane, E17 – Whole site
- Dames Road Playground, Dames Road, E7 – Whole site
- Drapers Playing Fields High Road, E15 – Whole site
- Drysdale Park, Drysdale Avenue, E4 Whole site
- Dyers Hall Playground, Dyers Hall Road, E11 – Whole site
- Epicentre Playground, off Cathall Road, E11 – Whole site
- Friendship Gardens, Lea Bridge Road, E10 – Whole site
- George White Sports Ground, Billet Road, E17 – Whole site
- Gunsite Playing Fields, Walthamstow, E17 – Whole site
- Harrow Road Playground Harrow Road, E11 – Whole site
- Henry Reynolds Gardens, Bush Road, E11 – Children's Playground, Basketball Court, and all play area's
- Higham Hill Recreation Ground, Sutton Road, E17 – Playground, Tennis Courts and Bowling Green
- Jubilee Sports Ground, The Avenue, Highams Park, E4 – Whole site
- Keatley Green, Chingford Hall Estate, E4 – Whole site
- Kitchener Road Park, Kitchener Road, E17 – Fenced off sports area & Children's play area
- Langthorne Park, Birch Grove, E11 – Children's Play Areas, Outdoor Gym, Basketball Court.
- Leyton Manor Park, Capworth Street, E10 – Children's Play Areas and Ball Court.
- Lloyd Park, Forest Road, E17 – Tennis Courts, Bowling Green and Children's Play areas, Skate Park and Outdoor Gym
- Low Hall Sports Ground, South Access Road, E17 – Synthetic pitch
- Marlowe Road Recreation Ground, Marlowe Road, E17 – Children's Playground and Ball Court
- Memorial Park, Chingford Road, E4 – Playground, Tennis Courts and Bowling Green
- Parmiters and Cavendish Sports Grounds, Nelson Road, E4 – Whole site
- Pimp Hall Park, Simmons Lane, E4 – Children's Play Areas and Ball Court
- Queens Road Playground, Queens Road, E17 – Whole site
- Ridgeway Park, The Ridgeway, Old Church Road, E4 – Children's Playground, Tennis Courts, Putting Green and Outdoor Gym
- Rolls Sports Ground, Hickman Avenue,

- E4 – Whole site
- Seymour Road Playground, Seymour Road, E10 – Whole site
- Sidmouth Park, Sidmouth Road, E10 – Whole site
- Skeltons Lane Park, off Leyton High Road, E10 – Whole site
- St. Egberts Playing Fields, Sewardstone Road, E4 – Whole site
- St. James Park, Essex Road, E17 – Children's Playground
- Stoneydown Park and Gardens, Longfield Road, E17 – Children's Play Areas and Ball Court
- The Highams Park, Keynsham Avenue, Woodford Green, Essex – Children's Play Areas
- Thomas Gamuel Park, off Boundary Road, E17 – Playground and Park (South End only)
- Town Centre Gardens, Selbourne Road, E17 – Play Area
- Tyne Acre Playing Fields, Billet Road, E17 – Whole site
- Vestry Road Playground, Vestry Road, E17 – Whole site
- Vincent Road Playground, Vincent Road, E4 – Children's Play Areas
- Walnut Road Playground, Walnut Road, E10 Whole site
- Wingfield Park, Grosvenor Road, E17 – Children's Play Areas

The Dogs on Lead by Direction (London Borough of Waltham Forest) Amended Order 2013 (replacing The Dogs on Lead by Direction (London Borough of Waltham Forest) Order 2006).

The London Borough of Waltham Forest hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order comes into force on 6th January 2014.
2. This order applies to all land which is open to the air and to which the public are permitted to have access (with or without payment) including all land owned by the Corporation of London that the public has access to, all highways, roads, footways, footpaths, alleyways, grass verges, parks, all open spaces, public burial sites, public cemeteries and all public car-parks operated or managed by the Council within the London Borough of Waltham Forest.
3. In this Order "an authorised officer of the authority" means an employee of the authority who is authorised in writing by the Authority for the purpose of giving directions under this Order.

Offence

4. (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time on any land to which this order applies he does not keep comply with a direction given him by an authorised officer of the Authority to put and keep the dog on a lead of not more than 8 metres in length, unless –

- (a) he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so

(2) For the purposes of this article

- (a) a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog;
- (b) an Authorised officer of the Authority may only give a direction under this Order to put and keep a dog on a lead if such restraint is reasonably necessary to prevent a nuisance or behaviour by the dog likely to cause annoyance or disturbance to any other

person (on any land to which this Order applies) or the worrying or disturbance of any animal or bird

Penalty

5. A person who is guilty of an offence under article 4 above shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale

The Dogs on Leads (London Borough of Waltham Forest) Amended Order 2013" (replacing The Dogs on Leads (London Borough of Waltham Forest) Order 2006).

The London Borough of Waltham Forest hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order comes into force on 6th January 2014
2. This Order applies to the land specified in the attached Schedule

Offence

3. (1) A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if at any time on any land to which this order applies he does not keep the dog on a lead of not more than 8 metres in length, unless –

- a. he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- b. the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so

(2) For the purposes of this article-a person who habitually has a dog in his possession shall be taken to be in charge of the dog at any time unless at that time some other person is in charge of the dog

Penalty

4. A person who is guilty of an offence under article 3 above shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

SCHEDULE

- All highways, roads, footways, footpaths, alleyways, grass verges public burial sites, public cemeteries and all public car-parks operated or managed by the Council within the London Borough of Waltham Forest including car parks owned by the Corporation of London.
- Abbots Park, Abbots Park Road, E10
- Bisterne Avenue Park, Bisterne Avenue, E17
- Cann Hall Park, Cann Hall Road, E11
- Cathall Green, Cathall Road, E11
- Coronation Gardens, Oliver Road, E10
- Good Memorial Gardens, Chingford Mount Road, E4
- Harrow Green, High Road Leytonstone, E11
- Henry Reynolds Gardens, Bush Road, E11
- Higham Hill Recreation Ground E17 (except designated dog exercise area)
- Jubilee Gardens, High Road Leytonstone, E11
- Langthorne Park, Birch Grove E11
- Leyton Manor Park, Capworth Street, E10
- Lloyd Park, Forest Road, E17 (except designated dog exercise area)
- Mansfield Park, Mansfield Hill, E4 (except designated dog exercise area)
- Marlowe Road Recreation, Marlowe Road, E17
- Memorial Park, Chingford Road, E4
- Pimp Hall Park, Simmons Lane, E4
- Ridgeway Park, The Ridgeway, Old Church Road, E4
- St. James Park, Essex Road, E17
- Stoneydown Park and Gardens, Longfield Road, E17
- Town Centre Gardens, Selbourne Road, E17

• Town Hall Gardens, Forest Road, E17
The above orders will come into effect on 6th January 2014.
Copies of the orders are available online at <http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/pages/news/dog-control-orders.aspx>;
They are available from reception at Sycamore House, Town Hall Site Forest Rd, Walthamstow E17 4JF.
On request by contacting;
Mandy Thompson, Environmental Health Manager
Rm. 101 Sycamore House,
Town Hall Site,
Forest Road,
Walthamstow
London E17 4JF
Email: mandy.thompson@walthamforest.gov.uk

Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)
THE WALTHAM FOREST (WHITEHALL ROAD E4 PRR 2013/14) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2014 – TT72
1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it intends to make an Order to enable resurfacing works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in Whitehall Road E4, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit traffic (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in this road and certain other roads.
2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in Whitehall Road E4, between its junction with Kimberley Road and the Borough boundary that lies approximately 40.00 metres south-east of the south-eastern kerb-line of Courtland Avenue.
3. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall, at such times and to such extent as regulatory traffic signs are displayed, cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in:
(a) British Legion Road;
(b) Courtland Avenue (both junctions);
(c) Forest Side;
(d) Rookwood Gardens;
(e) Seymour Court;
(f) Stuart Close;
(g) Valance Avenue; and
(h) Westminster Gardens;
at their respective junctions with Whitehall Road E4, between the junction with Whitehall Road and a distance of 30 metres from that junction.
4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.
5. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:

(a) in connection with the said works; or
(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.
6. The Order would come into operation on 14th January 2014 and would be valid for a maximum period of 1 month or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
Dated 16th December 2013
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS
LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)
THE WALTHAM FOREST (20MPH ZONE) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2013 – TT73
1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that on 3rd December 2013 it made an Order to enable construction works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in certain roads, the general effect of which will be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in certain roads.
2. Whilst the works are being carried out no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in the roads listed in the Schedule to this Notice.
N.B. These works will not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council.
3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic will be indicated by traffic signs.
4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order will be removed.
5. The restrictions mentioned above will not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:
(a) in connection with the said works; or
(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.
6. The Order came into operation on 4th December 2013 and will be valid for a maximum period of 6 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
Dated 16th December 2013
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS
Schedule
Aylmer Road, Barclay Road, Barfield Road, Beacontree Road, Browning Road, Bushwood, Carlton Road, Church Lane, Dacre Road, Forest View, Gainsborough Road, Grove Road, Hanbury Drive, Hartley Road, Harvey Road, High Road Leytonstone (part of), Kirkdale Road, Lemna Road, Leybourne Road, Leyspring Road, Mornington Road, Stanmore Road and Woodville Road.
LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)
THE WALTHAM FOREST (VARIOUS

ROADS) (STRUCTURAL PROGRAMME) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2014 – TT83
1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it intends making an Order to enable carriageway maintenance works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in certain roads, the general effect of which would be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit vehicles (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) from these roads.
2. Whilst the works are being carried out no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in the following roads:
• Brisbane Road E10,
• Chingdale Road E4,
• Handsworth Road E4,
• Lime Street E17,
• Nottingham Road E10,
• Orchard Street E17,
• Radlix Road E10,
• West Avenue E17, and
• Westbury Road E17.
3. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time, within 10 metres of the junction of any road adjoining the roads or sections of roads contained in paragraph 2 above.
4. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2 above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic would be indicated by traffic signs.
5. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.
6. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used -
(a) in connection with the said works; or
(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.
7. The Order would come into operation on 13th January 2014 and would be valid for a maximum period of 12 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
NOTE: These works would not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council. Leaflets would be distributed and signage placed in advance of any works in the above mentioned roads which would give more specific details on the exact dates of the prohibitions, effects of any temporary traffic management and diversion routes as necessary.
Dated 16th December 2013
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS
LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)
THE WALTHAM FOREST (VARIOUS CYCLE ROUTES) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING AND LOADING) (NO. 1) ORDER 2014 – TT84
1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it intends to make an Order to enable construction works to be carried out in a safe and efficient manner in certain roads, the general effect of which would be,

only at such times and to such extent as regulatory signs are displayed, to prohibit traffic (except works vehicles) and restrict waiting and loading by vehicles (except works vehicles) in certain roads.
2. Whilst the works are being carried out, no person shall:
(a) cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed, wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in the lengths of road listed in Schedule 1 to this Notice; and
(b) cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load for any purpose, at any time, in the lengths of road listed in Schedule 2 to this Notice.
N.B. These works would not be carried out simultaneously in all roads but in a sequence as directed by the Council.
3. Whilst the prohibitions referred to in paragraph 2(a) above remain in force, alternative routes for traffic would be indicated by traffic signs.
4. Vehicles waiting or loading in disregard of this Order would be removed.
5. The restrictions mentioned above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used:
(a) in connection with the said works; or
(b) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the works allow.
6. The Order would come into operation on 13th January 2014 and would be valid for a maximum period of 3 months or until the works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
Dated 16th December 2013
Mr K Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS
Schedule 1
Burwell Road (from its junction with Lea Bridge Road north-westwards for a distance of 18.5 metres), **Eastern Road** (at its junction with Lea Bridge Road north-westward for a distance of 18.5 metres), **Manor Road E10** (at its junction with Lea Bridge Road south-eastwards for a distance of 35 metres), **Salcombe Road** (at its junction with Lea Bridge Road north-westwards for a distance of 25 metres), **Shernhall Street** (between its junction with Lea Bridge Road and the southern kerb-line of Grove Road), **South Countess Road** (from its junction with Forest Road northwards for a distance of 18.5 metres), **Wadham Road** (a) (between a point 16 metres east of the eastern kerb-line of Winchester Road and a point 37 metres east of that said kerb-line), and (b) (between a point 25 metres west of the western kerb-line of Winchester Road and a point 35 metres west of that said kerb-line).
Schedule 2
Evanston Avenue (both sides from its junction with Winchester Road and a point 35 metres north of that said junction), **Winchester Road** (the west side between the northern kerb-line of Wadham Road and the western junction of Evanston Avenue).
LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST
GROVE ROAD E17 AND ST STEPHEN'S ROAD E17
PROPOSED PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTION AMENDMENTS
The Waltham Forest (Waiting and

Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. *) Order 2014
The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places) (Short Stay) (Amendment No. *) Order 2014
The Waltham Forest (Bakers Arms CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 2014
The Waltham Forest (Doctor Parking Places) (Revocation No. *) Order 2014
The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places) (Disabled Persons) (Amendment No. *) Order 2014 – T55
1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46, 49 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Orders would be to:
(a) reduce the existing double yellow line “at any time” waiting restrictions in Grove Road E17, on the north side, outside Nos. 99 and 101 Grove Road;
(b) convert the existing doctor parking place in Grove Road E17, on the north side, outside Nos. 101 to 105 Grove Road to a free parking place operating between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. – Mondays to Saturdays inclusive with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 2 hours; and
(c) convert the existing residents parking place in St Stephen's Road E17, on the east side, adjacent to No. 97 Grove Road to a free parking place operating between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. – Mondays to Saturdays inclusive with a maximum stay of 30 minutes and no return within 2 hours;
(d) make certain minor amendments to existing Traffic Management Orders so as to accurately reflect signing and road markings on-street (there would be no change to the way the current restrictions operate).
3. Copies of the Orders, the Council's statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and of plans showing the locations and effect of the Orders can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or the Council decides not to make the Orders, at (a) the Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 The Reception Desk and (b) the London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.
4. Any person desiring to object to the proposed Orders or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS, quoting reference T55, by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.
For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting reference Traffic Orders – T55.
Dated 16th December 2013
Mr. K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Public Realm, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

WALTHAM FOREST
Get Together

GET TOGETHER TO ENJOY ANOTHER
BRILLIANT YEAR IN WALTHAM FOREST

**FREE
EVENTS**
NO TICKET
REQUIRED

2014 New Year Fireworks

Wednesday 1 January 2014, 5pm–7pm

Show starts at 6pm

One fantastic night, two venues

**Highams Park, The Charter Road IG8 9RE and
Leyton Jubilee Park, Marsh Lane, Leyton E10 7DE**

Welcome in 2014 at Leyton Jubilee Park or Highams Park as we put on two stunning fireworks shows to celebrate the start of another fantastic year in Waltham Forest.

Stand back and enjoy fireworks choreographed to number one hits from the past twenty years including Kings of Leon, Lady Gaga and One Direction. Food and drinks stalls also available.

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/events-get-together



Facebook.com/walthamforestcouncil



Follow us on twitter @LBWFEvents
#wfgettogether



Waltham Forest

Leisure centres

In partnership with our leisure provider 'Better', we have refurbished Leyton Gym, Walthamstow Leisure Centre and Leyton Leisure Centre, as part of a £24.5million programme.

Cathall Leisure Centre, in Leytonstone, is currently closed while renovation work takes place with Cathall Gym open temporarily during this time at Harrow Green Library. Larkwood Leisure Centre has been repainted and will be renamed Chingford Leisure Centre in the New Year.



Completed work

Walthamstow Leisure Centre, 243 Markhouse Road

- Sports hall
- Football pitch
- Gymnasium floor
- Changing rooms
- Fast-track entry system

Waltham Forest Pool and Track, 170 Chingford Road

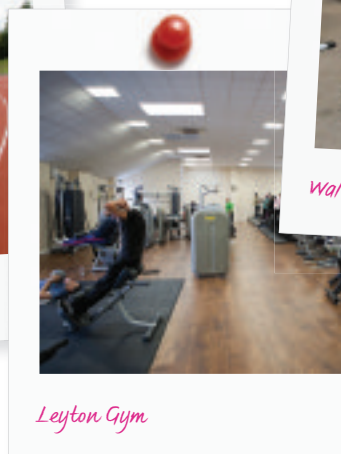
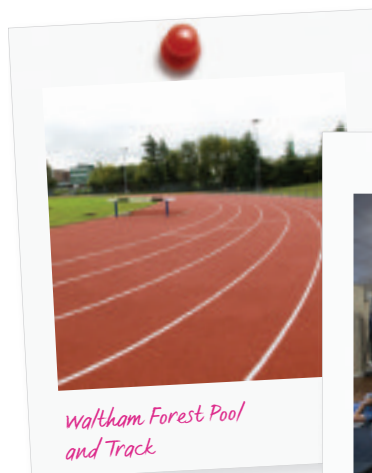
- Reconstructed the back straight and 100m straight
- Resurfaced the entire track and high jump area

Leyton Gym, 787 High Road Leyton

- A 62 station gym
- Cardio and resistance equipment
- Free weights area
- Fully refurbished changing rooms
- Fast-track entry system

Leyton Leisure Centre, 763 High Road Leyton

- 25m pool
- Teaching pool
- Water and play features
- Sauna and steam room
- Two studios
- Crèche



Parks

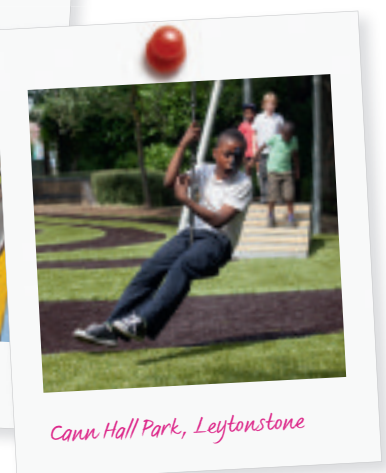
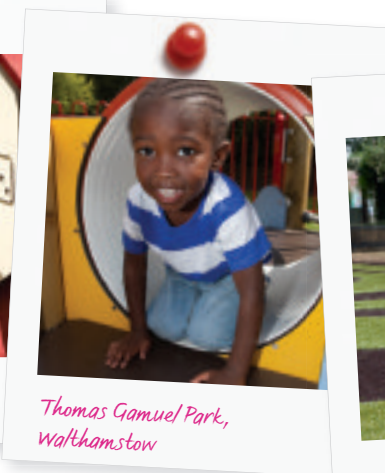
Waltham Forest boasts some amazing green spaces that we are committed to maintaining so that we can provide good quality open spaces and fun facilities for everyone to enjoy.

We are carrying out major transformations at Leyton Jubilee Park and Drapers Field. Find out more about these exciting plans on page 15.

We have allocated £1.9million to improve 28 parks and play areas across the borough. So far 19 are complete with a further two opening this week. Children now benefit from an array of new, colourful and fun play equipment and surfacing at the following parks:

- Coronation Gardens, Leyton
- Leyton Manor Park, Leyton
- Cann Hall Park, Leytonstone
- Bisterne Avenue Park, Walthamstow
- Thomas Gamuel Park, Walthamstow
- Wingfield Park, Walthamstow
- Henry Reynolds Gardens, Leytonstone
- Low Hall Sports Area, Leyton
- Greenleaf Road Play Area, Walthamstow
- Dames Road Park, Leytonstone
- Cheney Row Park, Walthamstow
- Leyton Jubilee Park, Leyton
- St. James Park, Walthamstow
- Chase Lane Park, Chingford
- Folly Lane Playground, Walthamstow
- Stoneydown Park, Walthamstow
- Walnut Road Park, Leyton
- Drysdale Park, Chingford
- Acacia Play Area, Leytonstone

The remaining ten play areas will be complete by February 2014.



Better schools 2013

As part of our drive to create a better place to live, we have invested over £50million to provide decent school buildings for our children to learn in.

This year we have worked on 52 primary school sites, this has included working to provide much needed primary school places ready for the September intake. There is also a long-term programme of work for other adaptations and expansions to primary and secondary schools that will benefit from further funding, but good progress has already been made on some of the key projects.

Planning permission was approved to expand Barclay Primary School in September. The new school will be built on the Chestnuts House site, behind Hoe Street, which is currently being prepared for building work to commence. Being a listed building, the house will stay as it is.

Designs for Leytonstone Business and Enterprise Specialist School are currently being developed after planning permission was granted in September. Proposed plans are likely to include a new building to house science, CDT (craft, design and technology) and new dining facilities.

Willowfield Humanities College will be relocated behind Blackhorse Lane Station and work is now underway clearing the new site.

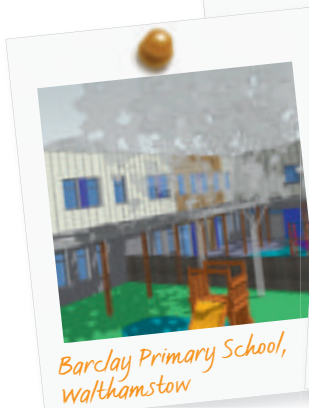
Refurbishment work to the kitchen at Stoneydown Park Primary School is complete. Thorpe Hall Primary School kitchen and hall will be complete in January. Other work to expand these two sites also started this year.

Woodside, Mission Grove, George Tomlinson, St Mary's C of E, Gwyn Jones, Parkside and Newport Primary Schools have all undergone major expansion work this year, some of these are still ongoing.

For more information on Willowfield Humanities College, Thorpe Hall, Stoneydown and Mission Grove Primary Schools, see page 13.



Thorpe Hall Primary School, Walthamstow



Barclay Primary School, Walthamstow



Leytonstone Business and Enterprise Specialist School



- Work has started on the new Willowfield Humanities College and Barclay Primary School sites
- 52 primary schools have benefitted from improvements this year

Better housing 2013

The Council has a key role to play in ensuring there is quality housing available for residents at every stage of their lives, and that this is supported by facilities that residents can use and enjoy to make Waltham Forest their home for life.

We continue to work with developers to provide you with affordable housing and leisure amenities you want to use.

Work at The Scene at Cleveland Place in Walthamstow is well underway with a much wanted cinema expected to open in Winter 2014 and homes and retail units in Spring 2015.

The Solum development, behind Walthamstow Central Station, will also provide the borough with a new hotel and homes, and earlier this month plans were approved by Planning Committee for a Morrisons supermarket and 245 apartments to be built on South Grove.

To support the needs of our growing elderly population, two new Extra Care

supported housing schemes are currently being built on Flaxen Road and Weale Road in Chingford. These will enable older adults and disabled people to live independently with access to the services they require, including 24-hour support, meals, domestic help and recreational facilities.

In July, Cabinet approved a multi-million pound regeneration scheme for the Marlowe Road Estate (Wood Street) which will include the demolition and re-provision of approximately 140 council homes, the building of approximately a further 250 private homes, new retail units on Wood Street and a new design of Wood Street Plaza.

Consultation has also started with the residents of Fred Wigg and John Walsh Towers in Leytonstone about how the area can be improved.

Find out more about housing on page 4.



Marlowe Road Estate, Walthamstow



Fred Wigg and John Walsh Towers, Leytonstone



- Work has started on two new extra care homes
- Plans approved for Morrisons supermarket and 245 apartments

Creating a better place 2013



www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace



Waltham Forest

